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1. WASHINGTON POST JUNE 1 ISSUE CARRIES ARTICLE BASED ON
UPI REPORTS AND ENTITLED "ZAIRIAN GENERAL SENTENCED TO
DIE FOR 'COWARDICE'":

QUOTE: THE ZAIRIAN GENERAL IN CHARGE OF THE DEFENSE OF
KOLWEZI AT THE TIME OF THE REBEL INVASION HAS BEEN SENTEN-
CED TO DEATH FOR COWARDICE, THE GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY
ASAP REPORTED YESTERDAY.

BRIG. GEN. SHIKEVA, OF THE NORTH KOREAN-TRAINED KAMANYOLA
BRIGADE, PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO THE CHARGE OF COWARDICE
AND ASKED FOR CLEMENCY FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO,
THE AGENCY SAID.

IT SAID A MILITARY TRIBUNAL HERE DELIVERED ITS VERDICT
OF DEATH BY FIRING SQUAD SATURDAY, BUT IT WAS ONLY MADE
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PUBLIC YESTERDAY.

SEVERAL OTHER ARMY OFFICERS WERE REPORTED UNDER ARREST
AFTER A REBEL FORCE OVERRAN THE MINING CENTER OF KOLWEZI
MAY 12. SEVERAL OFFICERS REPORTEDLY COMMANDEREED A LIGHT

AIRCRAFT TO FLEE TO THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL HERE AFTER

HEARING OF THE IMPENDING ATTACK, BUT IT WAS NOT KNOWN IF
GEN. SHIKEVA WAS AMONG THEM.

ZAIRIAN PARATROOPERS RECAPTURED THE AIRSTRIP BUT IT WAS
LEFT TO FRENCH AND BELGIAN PARATROOPERS TO RECAPTURE THE
TOWN ITSELF.

IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, THE CONTINGENT OF MOROCCAN TROOPS
ARRIVED IN THIS CITY. MILITARY SOURCES SAID THAT FOLLOW-
ING TALKS IN RABAT BETWEEN MOBUTU AND KING HASSAN II,
SOME 300 MOROCCAN SOLDIERS WERE EXPECTED TO BE DISPATCHED
TO SHABA PROVINCE TO PROTECT VITAL MINING CENTERS.
UNQUOTE.

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